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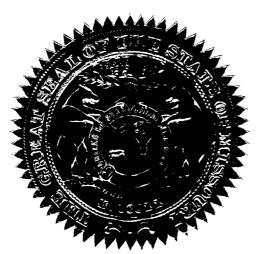


WHEREAS, members of the Missouri National Guard serve with honor and distinction as First Sergeants for a minimum of two years and complete the First Sergeant Course; and

WHEREAS, these members demonstrated outstanding professional conduct and leadership qualities as First Sergeants; and

WHEREAS, based on the recommendation of their respective commanders as meeting the established criteria are therefore deserving of recognition for their assignments as First Sergeants;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Bob Holden, Governor of the State of Missouri, under the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Missouri, do hereby authorize and direct the Adjutant General of Missouri to recognize Noncommissioned Officers who demonstrate proficiency in service with a First Sergeant's ribbon. The ribbon will be one-half blue and one-half green in color separated by a white band with a silver diamond centered thereon. I further authorize the Adjutant General of Missouri to procure and award this ribbon to those persons eligible through administrative procedures to be established by the Adjutant General.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 1st day of November, 2004.

Bob Holden Governor

ATTEST:

Matt Blunt Secretary of State